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Re: Jackpile-Paguate
Comprehensive Mine Plan

Dear Mr. Lynn:

Thank you for the December 20, 1978 letter supplementing the Jackpile-Paguate Reclamation Plan. However, your letter leaves the following areas unresolved.

Bill Grey's July 19, 1978 letter stated that monitoring wells were being drilled down-gradient from the waste water holding ponds. I have not received a map showing the location of these wells or the data obtained, and I would appreciate receiving this information as soon as possible.

Bill Grey's July 19, 1978 letter provided no insight into whether the species being used for revegetation do or do not concentrate selenium as discussed under number 6 of your December 20 letter. This issue must eventually be resolved, and I suggest that you include selenium among the parameters to be monitored in your vegetation sampling program this spring.

The only waste dump gamma and radon data that I have received is preliminary gamma data for dumps K and L which was provided in an August 17, 1978 letter from Bill Grey. I would appreciate receiving all additional data that has been taken.

I must receive responses to the items discussed under numbers 3 and 4 of your December 20, 1978 letter. Bill Grey's, July 19, 1978, letter stated that responses to these issues were "presently

The Monitoring Data

being prepared by the Dames and Moore Consulting Firm" and that their responses would be forwarded. I must assume that Dames and Moore have completed their responses since five months have passed and the information requested did not require extensive research. This information is needed to establish the necessary reclamation procedures and loses much of its significance once the procedures have been developed. I, therefore, request that the Dames and Moore responses be forwarded to me.

This office will soon begin reclamation discussions with the Tribe and I hope to have these issues resolved before the discussions begin. If any further clarifications are necessary, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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